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WEST GEORGIA REGION'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2014

## What's Going On

### 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 18 - Yearly Planning Breakfast MEETING at 9:00 AM at Biscuits and Briskets, 3468 Hogansville Rd., LaGrange, Ga.(near Hoofers location)

Jan 31 – Feb 1 Moultrie Georgia Swap Meet, 8:00 to 6:00 each day. \$10 per day at the gate. See [www.moultrieswapmeet.com](http://www.moultrieswapmeet.com) for details.

Feb 22 - 19th Jordan High School Car Show 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Jordan High 3200 Howard Ave., Columbus, Ga.[Robert Harris (706)748-2819]Rain date 3/1

Mar? – American Cancer Society Benefit Car Show 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM @ Pyne Road Park 4481 West Roanoke Rd LaGrange [Mary Davenport (706)668-7731]

Mar? – Troup County High Truck Raffle and Cruise In 10:00 to 2:00 @ Troup County High School 1920 Hamilton Rd. LaGrange, Ga. [Charles Nixon (706)298-4180 or Roy Cummings (706)884-1635]

Apr 4-5 - Perry Ga. 4th Spring Swap Meet, 8:00 to 6:00 each day. @ Georgia National Fairgrounds [Keith (478)662-2267 or David (478)318-1096]

Apr 3-5 -- AACA Southeastern Division National Spring Meet at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Charlotte NC at NC Exit 49 on Interstate 85. See [www.aaca.org/calendar/](http://www.aaca.org/calendar/) click on brochure for the meet

Apr 4-6 - Trip Overnight to Eufaula Pilgrimage of Homes Tour and Car display on the median. Eufaula, Al. [www.eufaulapilgrimage.com](http://www.eufaulapilgrimage.com) [Charles Norris] Schedule and Hotel Information Available

JUNE 14 - WEST GEORGIA AACA ANNUAL CAR SHOW AT MIKE BELL CHEVROLET. RAIN DATE 6/21/14



We trust everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. Let's make our New Year's resolution to drive our old cars more. We can start by driving them to Glenn and Debbie Novak's house this Saturday, January 11th from 11 to 2. Snacks will be served. Glenn has put together a slide show from a Rolls Royce Meet he will share with us. Anyone familiar with Glenn's photographic skills knows it will be first rate.

Anyone who has not paid their dues send them along to Gary at 203 Scenic View Lane, Carrollton 30116. Gary's father is not doing well in Michigan. Gary will be there and miss the event this Saturday. Our thoughts are with Gary, Carol and their family.

Let's make out next outing a trip to LaGrange for the Ga/Al Meeting on January 18th. The meeting will be at 9AM in LaGrange at Biscuits and Briskets. We'll get a basic head count at the Novak's. We can caravan down.

In this issue we have a photo of Gary giving our check to the Toys For Tots Program. Well done, and since the Novaks are featuring a Rolls-Royce and Bentley car show, Liz has put some background about the men and the marques in this issue.

The Little Birdie took the month of December off. We'll see what he turns in 2014.

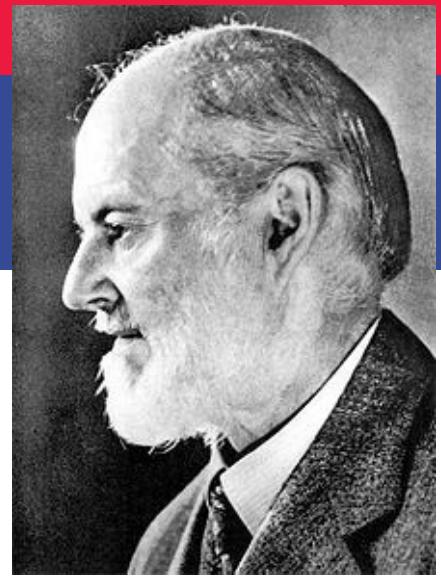
Happy Motoring,  
Rick

# Sir Henry Royce – A Biography

*Biography of Sir Henry Frederick Royce, 1st Baronet, OBE is a story of success. Just like W.O. Bentley, he learned engineering during apprenticeship and through hands-on rather than through education. But in contrary to W.O., he did not lose the control of Rolls-Royce which he created with Charles Rolls in 1904.*

## EARLY LIFE

Henry Royce was born in 1863 as the youngest of five children to James Royce and his wife Mary (maiden name King) in Alwalton. His parents ran a flour mill that was leased from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. But the business was not particularly successful and they moved with their children to London. At the age of 9 years, Royce's father passed away and he had to work to contribute to his family's income by selling newspapers and delivering telegrams. By the time he turned 15 years, he had completed only one year of school.



**Sir Henry Royce**

Just like W.O., Royce worked as an apprentice at the Great Northern Railway company in Peterborough after he received financial support from his aunt. However, he was forced to quit after three years due to the lack of money. He briefly worked at a tool-making company in Leeds and then for the Electric Light and Power Company in London. In 1882, he moved to Liverpool continuing to work for the Electric Light and Power Company.

## ROYCE MEETS ROLLS

Together with his friend Ernest Claremont, Royce started a business called F.H. Royce and Company in 1884. They started with domestic electric fittings but in 1894, they were already making dynamos and electric cranes. At the same time, Royce became increasingly interested in motor cars and decided to improve a 1901 two-cylinder car he bought either in 1902 or 1903. Soon, however, he decided to built a car on his own and then another one, and then another one, building three cars by 1904.

Of the three cars he had built, Royce gave one to his business partner Claremont and sold one to Henry Edmunds who arranged the meeting between Rolls and Royce which marked the beginning of the future Rolls-Royce Limited company.

## PERSONAL LIFE

Royce was renowned as a hard worker who never ate properly which has severely affected his health. Due to poor health, he was forced to leave Derby where he and Rolls decided to build a factory, however, health problems did not prevent him from designing the factory. He also demanded all new designs, plans and drawings to be inspected personally by him.

In 1893, he married Minnie Punt but the couple divorced in 1912. He never remarried and did not have any children. He died in 1933, aged 70. After the end of the First World War, Royce was awarded the OBE and was made Baronet in 1930 for his contribution to the British Aviation.



*The Rolls-Royce dealership on Conduit Street, London with 40/50 HP series Silver Ghosts parked on the street.*

# Charles Rolls - The Life of the Motoring and Aviation Pioneer

*Charles Steward Rolls is best known for co-funding Rolls-Royce Limited with Sir Henry Royce. However, he was also an aviation pioneer but unfortunately, his passion for aviation would turn out to be fatal for him.*

## EARLY LIFE

Charles Steward Rolls was born as the youngest of four children to 1st Baron Llangattock and Lady Llangattock in 1877. He was born in London but he retained close contacts with his relatives in Wales. He went to school in Berkshire and then to Eton College where he developed a passion for engineering. In 1894, he went to private crammer in Cambridge which gained him the entrance to Trinity College, Cambridge to study mechanical and applied science. He graduated from Cambridge University in 1898. Afterwards, he was working on a steam yacht and then at the London and North Western Railway. However, one of the first car owners in Wales (he travelled to Paris to buy Peugeot Phaeton at the age of 18 in 1896) was more interested in motoring pioneering and salesmanship. With financial support of his father, he opened one of the first car dealerships in Britain in 1903. His firm, C. S. Rolls & Co. was importing and selling Peugeot and Minerva cars.



**Charles Rolls**

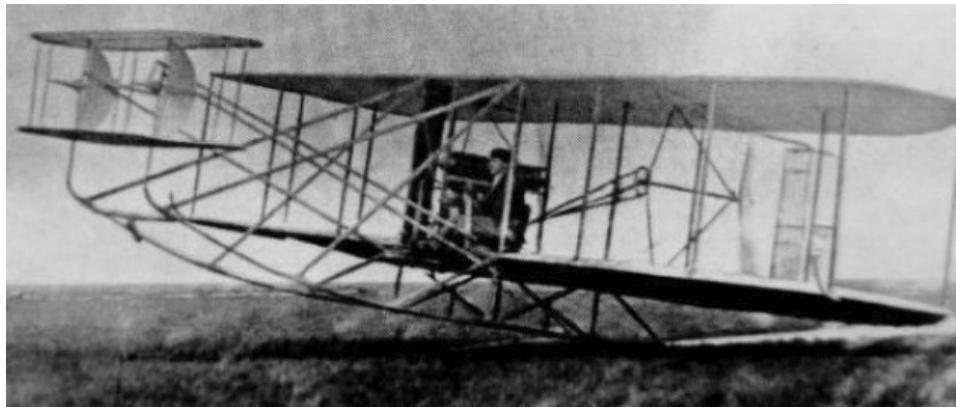
## PARTNERSHIP WITH HENRY ROYCE

Rolls was introduced to Henry Royce by his friend Henry Edmunds, a director at Royce Ltd. who drove one of the first three Royce's vehicles. Rolls preferred three- and four-cylinder cars, however, Royce's two-cylinder vehicle made a big impression on him. The future co-founders of Rolls-Royce met at the Midland Hotel, Manchester in May 1904 and reached an agreement on foundation of a joint business – Rolls-Royce in December 1904.

## AVIATION PIONEER

In addition to being a motorist pioneer, Rolls was also an avid aviator. In 1903, he helped create the Royal Aero Club and became the second person to gain the license to fly from the Club. One year before he met Royce, he won the Gordon Bennett Gold Medal for carrying out the longest single flight. He was also a balloonist and made more than 170 ascents with a balloon.

Before the production of Rolls-Royces even properly started, Rolls became increasingly interested in aviation and tried to persuade Royce to develop a design for aero-engine which, however, the latter refused. In 1909, Rolls bought Wright Flyer aircraft with which he made over 200 flights. One year later, he became the first person to make a non-stop double flight across the English Channel for which he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Aero Club. However, only one month after his successful crossing of the English Channel, he was killed in an air crash during a flying display at Bournemouth becoming the first Briton to die in a plain crash. He was only 32 years old when he died.



*The Hon. Charles Rolls flying the Short-Wright Model 'A' on 12 December 1909*



*Photograph showing the wreckage of the plane crash that killed Charles Rolls 12 July 1910, at an airfield at Southbourne near Bournemouth, England. The newspaper states that this was "the first fatal accident of an aviator in this country."*

# The Founder of Bentley

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## EARLY LIFE

W. O. was born as the ninth child to Alfred Bentley, a British businessman and Emily nee Waterhouse in 1888. From 1902 to 1905, he attended the Clifton College, a public school in Clifton, Bristol. He left the school at the age of 16 and started to work as an apprentice railway engineer at the Great Northern Railway at Doncaster, Yorkshire where he gained knowledge and skill that would later help him create Bentley cars. W. O. completed apprenticeship in 1910. Afterwards, he studied briefly theoretical engineering at King's College London.

## THE FIRST BENTLEY COMPANY

In 1912, W. O. established his first company. Together with his brother H. M., he founded the Bentley and Bentley company which was specialised in selling the DFP cars. Soon, however, he started making aluminium alloy pistons for the DFP engine. After the outbreak of the First World War, he started to build rotary aero-engines. Meanwhile, he also started to make plans for his own range of cars that would bear his name.

## FOUNDATION OF BENTLEY MOTORS LIMITED

Almost immediately after the end of the First World War, W.O. and H.M. founded their own car company - Bentley Motors Limited. But they did not begin testing the first Bentley 3 Litre until the early 1920. One year later, the first Bentley was delivered.

## BENTLEY WINS LE MANS

In 1923, Bentley took part of the very first 24 Hour of Le Mans endurance race. The 3 Litre that was driven by John Duff and Frank Clement took the fourth place but one year later, the two drivers won Bentley the first Le Mans. However, the next endurance race was a disaster, while Bentley Motors Limited was in serious financial difficulties. Nevertheless, the victory at Le Mans convinced Woolf Barnato to help the company with its financial problems. The company was saved, however, W. O. was no longer a co-owner of the company but Barnato's employee.

## W.O. LEAVES BENTLEY

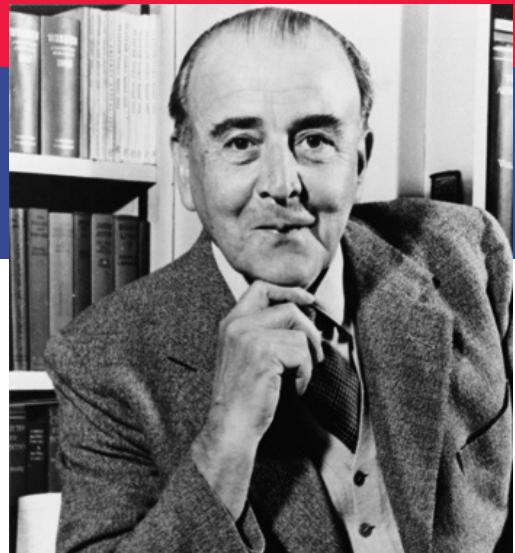
Barnato refused to continue to finance the company in 1931 and Bentley got a Receiver. In November that year, Bentley was sold to the British Central Equitable Trust which, however, was purchasing for Rolls-Royce. W.O. continued to work for Bentley after his former company was acquired by Rolls Royce but he was unhappy and left in 1935 when his contract expired.

## LAGONDA, ASTON MARTIN AND ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY

After he left Benley and Rolls Royce, W.O. joined Lagonda which was bought by Aston Martin in 1947. He continued to work for Lagonda-Aston Martin for some time before he joined Armstrong Siddeley where he stayed until retirement.

## PERSONAL LIFE

W.O. was married three times. His first wife, Leonie Gore died during the Spanish flu epidemic in 1919. He remarried one year later but he and his second wife, Audrey Hutchinson (Poppy) divorced in 1931. Three years later, he married Margaret Roberts Hutton nee Murray and stayed with her for the rest of his life. Despite being married three times, he did not have any children.



**Walter Owen Bentley**

# We're making a difference, here at home!



Treasurer Gary Moyses (R) gives Corporal Matt Careins a check for \$500 to benefit the West Georgia Toys for Tots program. Hickory Level Hound Rescue also received \$750 donation from the AACA West Georgia Region.

**Note: Annual dues should be paid before Mar 1, 2013 if you want your name listed in the club roster submitted to AACA National Headquarters.**

CHECKS (\$15, PAYABLE TO:  
WEST GEORGIA REGION AACA)  
CAN BE MAILED TO:

Gary Moyses  
203 Scenic View Ln  
Carrollton, GA 30116



## **ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA WEST GEORGIA REGION**

### **MEETING NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

1. Called to order 7:30PM by VP Bill Hearnburg.
2. Only five member families represented at meeting invoked question as to what determines a quorum for club business. Meeting proceeded without a determination since no copy of the National or Local AACAA bylaws was available, and because three of the four club officers were present. Further research determined there is no record of local club bylaws and the National bylaw of 100 members present does not apply. If it is necessary to write a bylaw for our region, the secretary will accept the task and use other region bylaws as a guide. Be careful what we wish for since quorum calls for very small clubs can be a burden.
3. Minutes from 10/03/2013 meeting approved.
4. Officer elections required in November returned the Presidency to Rick Horne by acclamation, the Secretary/Treasurer to Gary Moyses (uncontested) and a change to Vice President from Bill Hearnburg to Glen Novak by mutual agreement (uncontested).
5. The club Christmas charity gift recipients and amounts were discussed but not determined. The club will vote at the Christmas party/meeting and the letters and checks will be sent the next day.
6. The club purchased space for a float (actually room for 5-8 member cars) in the Carrollton Christmas Parade (Dec 5). Bill Hearnburg was assured a float space near the front of the parade by the promoter. (Recent update: our space is now #41 in line, which is about the mid-point). Participants should be in place between 4:30 and 5:00 for a 5:30PM start.
7. Following the parade, club participants will proceed to Jones Barbeque on Bankhead Highway for the club Christmas party where they will be joined by all other club members at 6:30PM for supper, short business meeting and gift exchange. Gifts (guy for guy and gal for gal) shall be around \$15 and tagged M or F. The exchange will be dirty Santa style.
8. Glen Novak asked the club to consider purchasing a projector for use during meeting to show pictures or run video presentations. The cost is \$319.99. Glen has more information on the capabilities of the projector.
9. Open discussion on whether to consider purchasing a sound system for club events or rental or hiring a DJ. Some form of communication system is a must to conduct any club sponsored event.
10. Open discussion on how to increase attendance at club events; earlier and bigger promotions, cash prizes, raffles, or adding a swap meet are methods used by other local clubs. Looking for any and all ideas to generate larger attendance. We are only limited by the amount of club member participation.
11. Glen Novak proposed our club participation at the Streetside Classic holiday party held on Dec 14th. Streetside will reserve spaces for clubs. We can meet at the Carrollton movie theater (Longhorn's) at 9:30AM and caravan to Streetside. Bring an unwrapped toy and receive a ticket for some really nice door prizes. Streetside will also serve a lunch to all attending at no charge.
12. Adjourn at 8:15PM.

## **ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA WEST GEORGIA REGION**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bank balance at 09/03/13	\$1959.45
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Current total	\$1959.45
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## **ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA WEST GEORGIA REGION**

### **MEETING NOTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2013**

1. Called to order at 7:45PM by Rick Horne.
2. The Carrollton Christmas parade was a washout, with club members and cars getting really wet. The reschedule date did not work out for several members and our turnout was small.
3. No newsletter was printed for December, so copies of the 11/07 meeting minutes were distributed, read and approved.
4. Older club members remember club bylaws being written, so a further search of historic records will be conducted. This subject relates to minimum members present to form a quorum for club business. If it is necessary to write or rewrite a bylaw for our region, the secretary will accept the task and use other region bylaws as a guide. Bill Hearnburg volunteered to assist.
5. Officer elections required in November returned the Presidency to Rick Horne by acclamation, the Secretary/Treasurer to Gary Moyses (uncontested) and a change to Vice President from Bill Hearnburg to Glen Novak by mutual agreement (uncontested).
6. The club Christmas charity gifts were discussed and approved. We gave \$500 to Toys for Tots and \$500 to Hickory Level Hound Rescue. Bill Hearnburg delivered the check to Hickory Level and Gary Moyses delivered the check to Toys for Tots. Photos were taken.
7. Glen Novak reviewed schedule for club participation at the Streetside Classic holiday party held on Dec 14th. Report: Member participating included Jim Nichols, Debbie and Glen Novak, Shawn and Goeffrey Fleck, and Carol and Gary Moyses. Another heavy rain cut attendance at Streetside. They had more cars to see than time allowed, and the lunch was very good.
8. Glen Novak reviewed his proposal for the club to purchase a projector to assist with club activities. No action taken.
9. Discussion regarding setting a date for club car show. Final determination was June 14, 2014 with a rain date of June 21, 2014.
10. Debbie and Glen Novak invited the club to their home on Jan 11, 2014. Glen will present a slide show of antique cars from previous national meets. This presented the club an opportunity to also include the first club business meeting for 2014.
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13. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.
14. Christmas gift exchange followed the business meeting with 18 participants.

## **ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA WEST GEORGIA REGION**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bank balance at 12/05/13	\$1959.45
Check to Toys for Tots of West Georgia	(\$500.00)
Check to Hickory Level Hound Rescue	(\$500.00)
Annual dues paid	\$30.00
<b>Current total</b>	<b>\$989.45</b>